

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-10.(cancelled)

11.(currently amended) ~~A communication~~Communication network comprising~~including~~ a plurality of secondary nodes being coupled to at least one primary node, ~~the secondary nodes~~ comprising:

 a transmitter for transmitting packets ~~from the secondary nodes~~ to the primary node according to predetermined transmission properties; [[and]]

 a first address translator for translating initial address information carried by packets received from at least one terminal device into address information carrying information about:

 (a) the predetermined transmission properties to be used for transmitting the associated packets, and

 (b) a destination node; and

~~the communication network further comprising~~ a second address translator for translating the address information back into the initial address information.

12.(currently amended) ~~A~~The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising a selector for selecting packets according to address information in their header, the transmitter transmitting the packets with the transmission properties dependent on the selection performed by the selector.

13.(currently amended) ~~A~~The communication network as claimed in Claim 11,
wherein the primary node comprises the second address translator.

14.(currently amended) ~~A~~The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, ~~the~~
~~communication network~~further comprising a cross connect for passing packets from the
secondary nodes to an outside network, wherein the second address translator is
arranged for translating the address information before the packets are applied to the
cross connect.

15.(currently amended) A destination node for communication in a communication
system having a plurality of source nodes arranged for transmitting ~~of~~ packets
containing initial address information, ~~such that~~ whereby a source node that is sending
a packet performs a first address translation providing information within the packet
header designating the address of the destination node, ~~wherein the destination node is~~
arranged to perform a second address translation, translating the address of the
destination node back into the initial address information.

16.(currently amended) A communication method, comprising:
transmitting packets according to predetermined transmission properties;
translating initial address information carried by packets received from at least
one terminal device into address information carrying information about the
transmission properties to be used for transmission of the packets; and

translating said address information back into the initial address information at a destination node.

17.(new) The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the second address translator translates the address information back into the initial address information present in the packets received by the secondary nodes from the at least one terminal device.

18.(new) The communication network as claimed in Claim 11, wherein the predetermined transmission properties to be used for transmitting the associated packets include a quality of service.